

HOUSE RESOLUTION 75

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Lieutenant Colonel William Powley and Master Sergeant Don Shawver for their contributions to the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) has provided instruction and guidance to thousands of young men and women; and

WHEREAS, the proud tradition of the AFJROTC has been built upon the sturdy foundation of its instructors, who throughout the years have dedicated their time and energies to cultivating in their students the skills necessary for successful careers in the military and in life; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William "Bill" Powley and Master Sergeant Don Shawver are two such instructors who have committed themselves to the rigors of providing a thorough AFJROTC education while upholding the finest traditions of the AFJROTC and an unwavering pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Lt. Col. Powley and MSgt. Shawver have served as instructors for the cadets in the AFJROTC program at Sullivan South High School in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, during their tenures, Lt. Col. Powley and MSgt. Shawver have provided the leadership necessary for the Sullivan South AFJROTC unit to capture a number of impressive awards and commendations. The unit has been recognized as a Distinguished Unit each year for the past eight years; won the Outstanding Unit in East Tennessee award in 2005 from the Tennessee Chapter of the Air Force Association, which also recognized Sullivan South as the Tennessee JROTC Unit of the Year in 2007; and garnered the 2010 Outstanding Aerospace

Science Program in the Nation (K-12) award, also known as the A. Scott Crossfield Award, given by the National Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Powley and MSgt. Shawver have each won Outstanding Instructor Awards at least four times, and Lt. Col. Powley was chosen as the Tennessee Aviation Person of the Year by the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, these intrepid men have flown more than 4,500 students from fifteen high schools in Virginia and Tennessee, have soloed with ninety students, and are responsible for sending five students to Middle Tennessee State University to become professional pilots, five cadets to the Air Force Academy, one cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point, and numerous students along paths which led to military careers; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Lt. Col. Powley and MSgt. Shawver have made possible not only the building of a top-flight AFJROTC unit at Sullivan South High School, but also the molding of countless young minds and spirits, and it is wholly fitting that this body formally recognize their tireless efforts to improving the military and flight instruction of thousands of young Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel William Powley and Master Sergeant Don Shawver for their commitment to the Sullivan South High School Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Program, applaud their efforts as instructors, and extend to both of them our best wishes for their every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.